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Darnell House at Mill Green  
Mill Green Road  
Street, Maryland 21154

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Darnell House at Mill Green

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Mill Green Road

CITY, TOWN

Street

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

first

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Branson A. Darnell

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Mill Green Road

CITY, TOWN

Street

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

MD 21154

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE, Harford County Courthouse  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #: 626

Folio #: 233

STREET &amp; NUMBER

40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This frame house is located on the northern side of Mill Green Road in the village of Mill Green. The house is two and one half stories high, three bays by two. An addition on the northwest is two bays by one. The house faces south.

Windows are one light over one and have louvered shutters. The slate roof has a center gable with ornamental wood trim. A small, arched window is beneath this center gable. A corbeled brick chimney is located near the center of the roof.

The principle entrance is located in the center bay of the south facade. This has a transom and side lights. A two tier porch wraps around the south and west sides of the house. Columns are Roman Doric.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Mill Town	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The village of Mill Green grew up around the once prosperous grist mill located on Broad Creek. The mill, built in 1827 by N.S. Bemis, to replace an older stone mill, remained in operation until approximately 1915.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

The Aegis, "Two Hundred Years on John's Adventure," by Mary Bristow, June 30, 1977.      Wright, C. Milton; Our Harford Heritage, French Bray Press, Balt. 1 .  
  
Preston, Walter W.; History of Harford County Press of the Sun Book Office Harford County Directory, 1953.  
Baltimore, 1901.  
CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2.10 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property has Mill Green Road as its southern boundary.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE	
Susan M. Deeney, Field Historian	
ORGANIZATION	DATE
Historic District Commission	1/78
STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE
45 South Main Street	838-6000, ext. 207
CITY OR TOWN	STATE
Bel Air	Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

# Title Search

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GRG	626	233	1963	Grantor: J.S. Gleason Grantee: Bransom A. Darnell Acreage: 2.10 acres
GRG	622	178	1963	Grantor: Baltimore Federal Savings and Loans Grantee: J.S. Gleason
GRG	620	518	1963	Grantor: Walter S. Calwell Grantee: Baltimore Federal Savings and Loans
GRG	517	118	1958	Grantor: Robert R. Bunker Grantee: Leonard C. Hall, Sr.
GRG	468	241	1956	Grantor: Alice Terrell Grantee: Robert R. Bunker
GCB	275	308	1942	Grantor: Mary A. Davis Grantee: Walter M. Terrell Acreage: 2½ acres
AJG	19	164	1932	Grantor: Last Will and Testament of Gertrude R. Gardner Grantee: Sophie D. Taber
DGW	191	152	1924	Grantor: William A. Thomas Grantee: Gertrude R. Gardner
WSF	120	75	1906	Grantor: William E. Arthur Grantee: William A. Thomas
WSF	99	355	1898	Grantor: Charity Huff Grantee: William E. Arthur
WSF	75	350	1893	Grantor: George Huff Grantee: Charity Huff
ALJ	9	377	1858	Grantor: James S. Robinson Grantee: George Huff Acreage: 62½ acres
CWB	7	300	1856	Grantor: Last Will and Testament of John Robinson Grantee: Heirs of John Robinson Acreage: Jones' Gift and Clark's Dunmerry in Antrim

CWB	7	274	1855	Grantor: Sarah Robinson Grantee: John Robinson
SR	1	444	1828	Grantor: Last Will and Testament of Joseph Stokes Grantee: Sarah Robinson
HD	10	272	1827	Grantor: William Richardson Grantee: Joseph Stokes Acreage: 57 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres
HD	X	140	1815	Grantor: Harvey Stokes Grantee: Joseph Stokes Acreage: 84 acres
HD	Y	47	1814	Grantor: John Ashmore Grantee: Joseph Stokes Acreage: 14 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres
JLG	N	364	1797	Grantor: Col. Ignatius Wheeler Grantee: Joseph Stokes Acreage: 51 acres
JLG	N	364	1771	Grantor: Joseph Renshaw Grantee: Col. Ignatius Wheeler

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INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME	
COMMON: <i>Darnell House</i>	
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: <i>North side of Mill Green Road about 0.2 mi southeast</i>			
CITY OR TOWN: <i>Mill Green - near Street of Prospect Road No 646</i>			
STATE: <i>Maryland</i>	COOE	COUNTY: <i>Harford</i>	COOE

3. CLASSIFICATION		OWNERSHIP		STATUS		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC	
CATEGORY (Check One)		Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/>		Public Acquisition: In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>		Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>						Yes: Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>	
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)							
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>			
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>				
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>					
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>					

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNERS NAME: <i>Braun A Darnell</i>			
STREET AND NUMBER: <i>Mill Green</i>			
CITY OR TOWN: <i>Street RFD 21154</i>	STATE: <i>Maryland</i>	CODE	

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. <i>clerk of the Circuit Court</i>			
STREET AND NUMBER: <i>Harford County Court house 40 S. Main ST</i>			
CITY OR TOWN: <i>Bel Air</i>	STATE: <i>Maryland</i>	CODE	
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:			

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY:			
DATE OF SURVEY: Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/>			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE	

FOR NPS USE ONLY  
ENTRY NUMBER  
DATE

Color: 6904

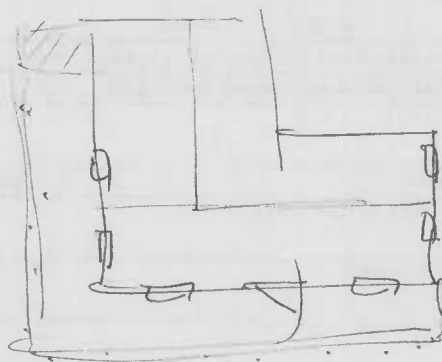


## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)		(Check One)			
	Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This frame house is two and a half stories  
 three bays by two, with a wing one bay  
 by two. House faces south, with  
 the wing running back from the west  
 wall. One story porch ~~wraps~~ <sup>wraps</sup> around ~~the~~  
 the south and west walls. Wide  
 eaves under the slate roof have some  
 millwork trim at the ~~gable~~ <sup>gable peak</sup>. Narrow  
 brick chimney rises from the furnace in the  
 center of the house (that may replace stoves).  
 All windows are one over one.



SEE INSTRUCTIONS

## 8. SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian ☐16th Century ☐18th Century ☐20th Century ☒15th Century ☐17th Century ☐19th Century ☒

## SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

Probably about 1890-1910

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal ☐Education ☐Political ☐Urban Planning ☐Prehistoric ☐Engineering ☐

Religion/Phi-

Other (Specify) ☐Historic ☐Industry ☐losophy ☐Agriculture ☐Invention ☐Science ☐Art ☐Landscape ☐Sculpture ☐Commerce ☐Architecture ☐

Sociol/Human-

Communications ☐Literature ☐ition ☒Conservation ☐Military ☐Theater ☐Music ☐Transportation ☐

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

Comfortable spacious country house -  
~~located~~ of diligently kept - once  
 part of a thriving mill town, but now  
 actually a suburb of the megalopolis  
 that includes the Essex industrial  
 complex forty-two miles away where  
 Mr. Darnell works.

## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Wright, C. Milton - Our Harford Heritage p 177-8

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

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STATE:	COOE	COUNTY	COOE
STATE:	COOE	COUNTY:	COOE
STATE:	COOE	COUNTY:	COOE
STATE:	COOE	COUNTY:	COOE

## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: <i>JSEwing</i>		
ORGANIZATION: <i>Maryland Historical Trust</i>	DATE: <i>Jan '70</i>	
STREET AND NUMBER: <i>53 State Circle</i>		
CITY OR TOWN: <i>Annapolis</i>	STATE: <i>Maryland</i>	COOE

## 12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

## NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_

SEE INSTRUCTIONS



Delta Quadrangle  
MD-PA  
7.5 Minute Series  
U.S. Geological Survey

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Susan M. Deeney

1/78

South